Payment of customs duty on articles taken from one part of Travancore to another through the Cochin State.

12.* **MR. K. MAHOMED** (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any application has been received by the Excise Commissioner for introducing depositing system at Edapally and Udayamperur customs houses for the dutiable articles taken from Travancore to Travancore through Cochin State:

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, have any steps been taken in the matter; and

(*c*) what was the decision?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): (*a*) Yes. A petition from one Mr. A. R. Raman Pillai of Edapally praying for the introduction of the deposit system at the Edapally and Udayamperur chowkeys was received by the Excise Commissioner.

(*b*) and (*c*) On enquiry it was found that there was no necessity for introducing the deposit system at the Edapally and Udayamperur chowkeys. No further action was therefore taken in the matter.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know whether the Excise Commissioner is ready to conduct an enquiry into the matter and reconsider the question?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): The opinions of the Assistant Commissioners of the two Divisions were invited. They are unanimously of opinion that there is no necessity to do that. If there is any necessity for introducing this system, I will consider that.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know whether the Government will have to suffer any loss by introducing the system in Edapally?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): If there is any necessity in Travancore, it will be considered. If it is introduced, it may happen that there will be some loss of revenue.

Appointment of an Anchal runner from Edappally to Alwaye.

13 * **MR. K. MAHOMED** (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any suggestion or prayer received by the Anchal Superintendent to appoint a runner from Alwaye to Edapally when the mail reaches from Kottayam or for arranging to send mail in bus from Ettumanur to Edappally so as to reach the latter at an early date;

(*b*) has any step been taken; and

(*c*) if so, when?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) In view of the answer to part (*b*) this does not arise.

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